

## IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. – 8. (*Cancelled*).

9. (*Currently Amended*) A method of controlling operation of a digital video recording/reproducing apparatus having in which a recording section configured to record an external input signal, a reproducing section configured to reproduce the recorded external input signal, and a display signal output section configured to output a display signal based on corresponding to at least one of said the external input signal and a reproduction signal from said recording section are used the reproduced recorded external input signal, and a control section configured to control the operation of the digital video recording/reproducing apparatus, said method comprising:

receiving said external input signal; and

recording said external input signal by said recording section in response to a predetermined temporary interruption state set while said display signal output section outputs said external input signal as said display signal

(a) upon determining that a predetermined storage mode is set:

(i) start recording the external input signal; and

(ii) start storage processing of data corresponding to a part of the external input signal by using a designated buffer area;

(b) upon determining that the predetermined storage mode is not set:

(i) start delete processing to delete the data in the buffer area.

10. – 17. (*Cancelled*).

18. (*New*) A digital video recording/reproducing apparatus, comprising:  
a recording section configured to record an external input signal;  
a reproducing section configured to reproduce the recorded external input signal from the recording section;  
a display signal output section configured to output a display signal corresponding to at least one of the external input signal and the reproduced recorded external input signal, and  
a control section configured to control operation of the digital video recording/reproducing apparatus, wherein the control section includes:  
a first section configured to start recording of the external input signal;  
a second section configured to start storage processing of data corresponding to a part of the external input signal, when a predetermined storage mode is set, the storage processing being performed using a designated buffer area;  
a third section configured to start delete processing of the data, when the predetermined storage mode is not set, the stored data in the buffer area being deleted by the delete processing.

19. (*New*) the apparatus of claim 18, wherein said display signal output section is configured to output the display signal corresponding to the external input signal and the reproduced recorded external input signal, to thereby display both images of the external input signal and the reproduced recorded external input signal on a same display screen.